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FOR ADMIRAL GLINDEMAN FROM AMBASSADOR HOLDRIDGE

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: OVIP (ADMIRAL GLINDEMAN)
SUBJECT: VIP VISIT - MERLION III

1. MY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND THE OFFICERS
AND MEN OF YOUR COMMAND FOR A JOB WELL DONE. THE
SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT WHO
VISITED ENTERPRISE, LONG BEACH AND TRUXTON WERE
EXTREMELY IMPRESSED WITH THIS DEMONSTRATION OF SEA
AND AIR POWER AND WITH THE ABILITY OF THE U.S. TO
PROJECT SUCH POWER INTO THE ASIAN PACIFIC REGION.

2. I WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT DR. TAN ENG LIANG,
SENIOR MINISTER OF STATE FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
WAS ABLE TO MAKE THE VISIT. DR. TAN IS A "COMER" IN
SINGAPORE POLITICS, AND ONE OF THE POSSIBLE SUCCESSORS
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TO PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW. HE MENTIONED TO ME
DURING THE VISIT THAT HE WAS NOW ABLE TO UNDERSTAND
WHAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY PRIME MINISTER LEE ABOUT THE
IMPORTANCE OF THE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN ASSURING
A BALANCE OF POWER IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD.

3. WE IN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY ARE ALWAYS PLEASED TO

HAVE THE NAVY COME TO SINGAPORE, AND ARE LOOKING
FORWARD TO TF 77'S NEXT VISIT.

4. WARM REGARDS.
HOLDRIDGE

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